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1. SUMMARY: THE MARKET FOR MINERAL PROSPECTING AND MINERAL PROCESSING EQUIPMENT IN THAILAND IS EXPECTED TO GROW SIGNIFICANTLY. THE NATURAL GAS PIPELINE PROJECT WILL MAKE THAILAND'S OFFSHORE NATURAL GAS AVAILABLE TO ENERGY INTENSIVE INDUSTRIES; THE DEVELOPMENT OF LIGNITE ZINC, TIN, AND OTHER MINERAL RESOURCES AS WELL AS THE EXPANSION OF PRESENT PETROLEUM REFINING FACILITIES, ALL OFFER A PROMISING MARKET FOR MINERAL PROCESSING EQUIPMENT IN THAILAND. PRESENTLY, THIS MARKET IS VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$25 MILLION, OF THIS 37 PER CENT COMES FROM JAPAN AND 32 PER CENT FROM THE UNITED STATES. COMMERCIAL AVAILABILITY OF NATURAL GAS IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE ELECTRICAL POWER GENERATION, PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS IN THAILAND'S INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE. THE GENERAL INCREASED ECONOMIC ACTIVITY EXPECTED TO COME WITH THE EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL GAS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ALREADY RAPIDLY GROWING CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AS WELL. THUS, MUCH OF THE EQUIPMENT PURCHASED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THAILAND'S MINING INDUSTRY CAN BE USED IN NUMEROUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

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